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SUBJECT: SHIPPING: PHILIPPINE DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES

BRUSSELS ALSO FOR USEC; PARIS ALSO FOR USMISSION OECD

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1. BECAUSE OF TRADITIONAL EXODUS OF GOP AND BUSINESS

LEADERS FROM CITY FOR EASTER, EARLIEST POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT FOR APPROACH PER PARA SIX REFTEL WILL BE MARCH 31 WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SERGIO BARRERA. RESULTS WOULD BE REPORTED THEN.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED ANEW REPRESENTATIONS WITH OFFICERS OF OTHER EMBASSIES. FRG HAS RECOMMENDED AND ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO PROTEST, WHILE BRITISH AND DANES HAVE SIMPLY REPORTED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION. HAPANESE COMATT INDICATES THAT FOREIGN OFFICE LIKELY TO TAKE "BROADER VIEW" OF PROBLEM, AND PERSONALLY INDICATED THAT SHIPPING DECREE IS FORM OF EXPORT SUBISDY. LOCAL SECRETARY OF FAR EASH FREIGHT CONFERENCE, I.E., EUROPEAN CONFERENCE,, HAS SUGGESTED THAT MEMBERS HAVE HOME GOVERNMENTS CONTACTED. WE THEREFORE EXPECT FRG AND POSSIBLY BRITISH AND DANES TO JOIN US, AND PROSPECTS FOR NON-IMPLEMENTATION AS WAS CASE WITH RA 5186 IN 1967 (MANILA 3041) APPEAR GOOD.

3. RE LIKELY EFFECTS OF PD 667, IN ADDITION TO INFO ALREADY PROVIDED IN MANILA 3474, ONLY TWO PHILIPPINE COMPAIES PROVIDE REGULAR LINER SERVICE. UNITED PHILIPPINE LINES HAS FIVE VESSELS WHICH ARE CHARTERED AND OPERATED TO ATLANTIC AND GULF PORTS BY U.S. OWNED GULF FAR EASH LINES. MARITIME COMPANY OF THE PHILIPPINES RUNS TOTAL OF NINE VESSELS TO JAPAN, US. EAST COAST, AND EUROPE. MCP EUROPEAN SERVICE IS NOTORIOUSLY BEHINE SCHEDULE AND CONSISTS OF 10 TO 12 ANNUAL SHIP SAILINGS. ACCORDING TO APL REPRESENTATIVE, 1972 STUDY OF REGULAR LINER SERVICE OF WEST COAST CARGOES SHOWED THAT PHILIPPINE SHIPS CARRIED 35 PERCENT, U.S. 35 PERCENT, AND THIRD FLAG VESSELS REMAINING 30 PERCENT. AT PRESENT PHILIPPINE SHIP OPERATORS ARE SIMPLY WATCHING SITUATION AND WAITING FOR REACTION FROM ABROAD.
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